

IDAHO COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Public Policy Committee Meeting December 19, 2007 Time: 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm	
Call to Order – Opening Statements	Chair James Steed called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.
Roll Call	Members present: Leslie Clement, Jim Baugh. Staff: Tracy Warren, Marilyn Sword, Christine Pisani, Samantha Wallace On telephone: Shiloh Blackburn, Lisa Robbe-Soults, James Steed. Guests: Julie Fodor
Perfection of Agenda/ Announcements	There were no changes to the agenda and no announcements.
Approval of October 25, 2007 Minutes	The minutes from the last Public Policy Committee meeting were reviewed. Motion: Jim Baugh moved to accept the minutes. Second: Leslie Clement. The minutes were accepted.
Legislative Reception	Staff discussed outline of reception activities and updated members on completed tasks including mailing of Save-the-Date cards to various lists. All partners should send lists of invitees to Samantha Wallace. Marilyn Sword requested that any email communications about invitations or reception details should be copied to both herself and Tracy Warren. Julie Fodor said that the CDHD will invite some members of the University of Idaho administration and CDHD faculty at the U of I Boise Center. Christine Pisani said that Region 3 and 4 SALN members will be invited to attend but will need rides to and from the reception. John Russell, SALN President and Erick Yeary, SALN Representative to CID will also be invited. Suggestion to invite local Partners in Policymaking graduates. Additional invitations should be sent to: Governor's staff, Congressional delegation and staff.
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<p>Follow-up ➡</p> <p>Follow-up ➡</p> <p>Follow-up ➡</p>	<p>Staff reported that the Hoff Building, Crystal Ballroom and elevators are accessible but the second floor restrooms are not accessible. People will need to use the restrooms on the third floor. Only one entrance to the building has mechanically activated accessible doors and only one of those doors is in working condition.</p> <p>Staff will follow-up to make sure that access to the third floor bathrooms is open that evening and that the activated doors are operating.</p> <p>Displays for the reception will be provided by all partners: SALN, CDHD, Co-Ad and DD Council. Tables will be provided for displays and materials.</p> <p>A parking directions sheet should be developed and provided to those who RSVP.</p> <p>Suggestion that a Tri-Ad 'plus' brochure be developed including the SALN. Julie Fodor said that the CDHD staff will work on this. James Steed will ask the SALN board what information they want included in the brochure. Information for the brochure should be emailed to Julie Fodor. CDHD staff will send a draft of the brochure for review.</p> <p>Co-Ad has agreed to act as the fiscal agent for reception costs and will send invoices to the DD Council and CDHD. Kathy Motsinger is the contact at Co-Ad for fiscal issues.</p> <p>Group discussed the format for the reception and agreed upon the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greeters will be at the entrance to the Crystal Ballroom to welcome people, hand out brochure, and explain format. A rotating schedule will be assigned. • Roving experts will be identified that will be able to answer questions on key issues. • At around 5:45 - 6:00pm, introductions of DD Network will be provided by a representative from each network organization.
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<p>Follow-up ➡</p> <p>Follow-up ➡</p> <p>Follow-up ➡</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert speakers will be identified to give a short presentation on one of three key issues from an advocacy perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Employment Services Proposed changes at ISSH Participant-Directed Services • Self-Advocates will be identified and asked to tell their story of working in a sheltered workshop or living in an institution as part of presentations. <p>The ISSH presentation will focus on a variety of issues including how to enhance community services and build capacity in the community.</p> <p>Tracy Warren will update the reception outline with spaces to fill in identified introducers, presenters, etc. and send it out to group.</p> <p>Marilyn Sword will develop a list pairing Council Members with their district legislators.</p> <p>Lisa Robbe-Soult will draft a “cheat sheet” guideline for individuals to follow in contacting their legislators to encourage their participation in the reception.</p>
<p>Legislative Agenda Update</p> <p>Medical Consent</p> <p>Action ➡</p>	<p>Jim Baugh provided an update on proposed Medical Consent legislation. Jim and Marilyn Sword have attended two meetings with “A Better Way Coalition” and others to discuss proposed language. That group had concerns with some parts of the amendments. They would not oppose some changes, but would strongly oppose others. The coalition would also like to change Title 66, Chapter 4 dealing with guardianship and a variety of additional issues for the next year. The Public Policy Cmte discussed strategies including working with other stakeholders during 2008 with the understanding that we could still bring legislation in 2009 as the Council sees fit.</p> <p>Motion: Jim Baugh moved to take Medical Consent off the Legislative Agenda for the 2008 session and work with stakeholders on related issues during the year.</p>

<p>Extended Employment Services – Vocational Rehabilitation Budget Request</p> <p>Follow-up ➡</p> <p>Follow-up ➡</p> <p>Family-Directed Services</p>	<p>Second: Shiloh Blackburn. Motion passed.</p> <p>Staff reported the letter approved at the last Council meeting was sent to Michael Graham, Director of Vocational Rehabilitation. Marilyn Sword and Jim Baugh were invited to attend the State Rehabilitation Council meeting to present on the Council's position. A member of the Rehab Council asked if the DD Council could support a percentage of the budget be used for segregated employment – they answered no.</p> <p>The Extended Employment Services Roundtable met in November and discussed the possibility of research for a report on EES services. Service provider members reported they had met with the Governor's office to support the Voc Rehab budget request. Marilyn Sword and Kelly Buckland met with Bob Wells of the Governor's office to share a different perspective and provide information. Since new staff has been assigned in the Governor's office, another meeting needs to be requested.</p> <p>Question about State Board of Education support for the EES budget request.</p> <p>Our strategy will depend on if or how the Governor includes the EES budget request in his budget. Possible strategies could be to work with Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) members to attach intent language to the budget request. Other activities could include meeting with the Legislative Services Office Budget Analysis staff and Karen McGee – Governor's staff.</p> <p>Marilyn Sword and Ron Enright will revise the issue fact sheet on EES for Council Members.</p> <p>Tracy Warren reported the last Family-Directed Services Task Force meeting was held on December 3rd. The group reviewed input received from focus group and discussed additional implementation issues and resource needs to be included in executive summary reports with recommendations to Medicaid Administration. After response from Medicaid Admin,</p>
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<p>Follow-up ➡</p> <p>Proposed Changes at Idaho State School and Hospital</p>	<p>a report to the legislature will be developed.</p> <p>Leslie Clement reminded us that the legislative report is not asking for permission to move forward – we already have that through the concurrent resolution of 2006. As we have more details about the legislative report, Tracy Warren will develop an issue fact sheet for Council Members.</p> <p>Marilyn Sword reported that because of recent meetings some changes will likely be made to final proposal. A JFAC appropriation will be the vehicle for changes to ISSH during this legislative session. There will not be an opportunity to discuss our issues of concern in JFAC, the discussion will be about use of ISSH buildings, future population at the facility, and cost.</p> <p>How do we impact the issue? Early presentations are made to JFAC from the germane committees and sometimes they gather input for those reports so we may have opportunity in committee hearings. This is also an educational issue - an opportunity to talk about investing in community services, building capacity, increasing competency, and changes needed to improve the system. We could ask for time on the germane committee calendar.</p> <p>Julie Fodor said that direct support staff longevity is an issue. Need to talk about a career ladder, training, certification, wages and system management. One issue is service provider management not having problem-solving skills.</p> <p>Committee discussed proposed changes and issues for creating secure buildings and staff security. Leslie Clement offered that we could develop a collaborative relationship with DHW to help work on system model so that our philosophies might be embedded in the project process.</p> <p>Suggestion that we look at current assets in the community and system, consider the various settings and structures needed by folks as the move out of</p>
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<p>Follow-up ➡</p>	<p>ISSH (or other institution). Find out what the requirements are for community providers (contracts). Strategies discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marilyn Sword make calls to see how the Council might be included in discussions. • Educate policymakers about our issues of concern and perspective. • Use the Council position statement on ISSH changes to develop concrete recommendations. • At the legislative reception, describe a more global issue – what are community needs.
<p>• New Issues for Consideration</p> <p>Action ➡</p> <p>SLP/OT proposed rules</p>	<p>The group discussed developing a position statement on self-determination in health care decisions. Tracy Warren shared a statement from the New Hampshire DD Council as a model.</p> <p>Motion: Jim Baugh moved we develop a position statement on health care decisions.</p> <p>Second: Leslie Clement. Motion passed.</p> <p>Tracy Warren shared proposed rules for speech language pathology and occupational therapy services including changes to the Medicaid basic plan and enhanced plan limitations on these services. Rules propose to limit SLP services to 40 visits per year and OT services to 25 visits per year without prior authorization. More visits can be prior authorized when medically necessary. Dave Simnitt provided clarification that these limitations do not apply to school based services. These rules are related to past legislation that allows private Speech Language Pathologists and Occupational Therapists to bill Medicaid directly so that individuals do not have to get services through a hospital or other provider agency. Leslie Clement said that there may be some controversy about this issue with Idaho Hospital Association and some service providers (schools).</p>

Federal Updates	<p>SCHIP was authorized through March of 2009 and this legislation also delays implementation of the rehabilitation rules and school-based services rules for 6 months.</p> <p>An omnibus appropriations bill was passed with funding for DD Programs. DD Councils received a .9% increase, P & A's (Co-Ad) a .79% increase, UCEDD's (CDHD) a 10% increase and a 19% for Projects of National Significance (Family Support 360). Julie Fodor said that this will likely bring the Family Support 360 funding back to original levels after recent cuts to funding for that program.</p> <p>Leslie Clement reported that federal rules for Targeted Case Management have been proposed. Tracy will email Leslie to request a copy of the proposed rules.</p>
Wrap Up:	<p><u>Review Action Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Approved October 25, 2007 minutes ✓ Medical Consent will be removed from Legislative Agenda ✓ Develop a position statement on self-determination in health care decisions <p><u>Review Follow-up Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional reception invitations – Council staff ○ Reception accessibility – Council staff ○ Triad brochure development – CDHD ○ Contact SALN for information – James Steed ○ Draft guidelines for policymaker contacts – Lisa Robbe-Soults ○ Meet with Governor's staff about EES budget request – Marilyn Sword ○ Revise EES issue fact sheet – Marilyn Sword, Ron Enright ○ Update/revise issue fact sheet on Family Directed Services – Tracy Warren

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ISSH changes strategies – Council staff <p><u>Future Agenda Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Review draft of position statement on self-determination in health care decisions.➤ Review updated issue fact sheets to prepare Council Members for legislative reception.
Adjourned	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.